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In re Application of :
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Serial No.: 10/763,033 : Group Art Unit: 3731
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For: **LIGATING CLIP WITH INTEGRAL CUTTING GUIDE**

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- (1) U.S. Application Serial No. 10/763,033, entitled **LIGATING CLIP WITH INTEGRAL CUTTING GUIDE**, filed January 22, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as the Application); and
- (2) U.S. Application Serial No. 10/251,182, entitled **LIGATING CLIP WITH INTEGRAL PENETRATING HOOK**, filed on September 20, 2002, and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,863,675 B2 on March 8, 2005.

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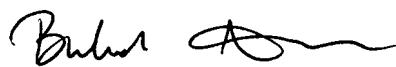
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